

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Currently Amended) ~~In an apparatus including a display, a~~ method of operation
2 comprising:

3 rendering on a display of an apparatus, a metaphoric desktop having a front surface
4 and a back surface opposite to the front surface;

5 rendering first execution results of first one or more applications on thea front surface
6 of thea metaphoric desktop ~~having the front surface and a back surface~~, the front surface
7 being a currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution
8 results being currently visible;

9 rendering second execution results of second one or more applications on the back
10 surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being currently invisible while the first
11 surface is the currently visible surface, resulting in the second execution results being
12 currently invisible; and

13 morphing the back surface to replace the front surface to become the currently visible
14 surface of the metaphoric desktop ~~from the front surface to the back surface of the~~
15 ~~metaphoric desktop~~ to make visible the second execution results, and make invisible the first
16 execution results.

1 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said second one or more
2 applications are on-line applications, and the method further comprises monitoring for the
3 apparatus being connected on-line.

1 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises
2 morphing from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of the
3 metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an ~~predetermined~~ event.

1 4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises
2 animating a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over
3 ~~an axis selected from a group consisting of either~~ a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or and a
4 horizontal axis.

1 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises
2 animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back
3 surfaces of metaphoric desktop over ~~a selected one of~~ a plurality of corresponding vertical
4 axes and or a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

1 6. (Cancelled, without prejudice).

1 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 said rendering of first execution results of the first one or more applications in a front
3 surface of a metaphoric desktop comprises storing pictorial representations of said first
4 execution results of the first one or more applications into a standard display screen buffer by
5 a graphics service; and
6 said rendering of second execution results of the second one or more applications in a
7 back surface of the metaphoric desktop comprises redirecting said graphics service to store
8 pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to
9 an alternate display screen buffer, and storing pictorial representations of said second
10 execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen
11 buffer.

1 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein
2 said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and

3 said redirecting of said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first
4 execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer,
5 and subsequent storing of pictorial representations of said second execution results of said
6 second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer, are initially
7 performed in response to said apparatus being connected on-line.

1 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises
2 resuming said storing of pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first
3 one or more applications to said standard display screen buffer by said graphics service.

1 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said resumption is performed
2 in response to a user request to return to said front surface of said metaphoric desktop.

1 11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising
2 storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions
3 designed to render a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface opposite to
4 the front surface, to render first execution results of first one or more applications on thea
5 front surface of thea metaphoric desktop having the front surface and a back surface, the front
6 surface being a currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first
7 execution results being currently visible, to render second execution results of a second one
8 or more applications on the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being
9 currently invisible while the first surface is currently visible, resulting in the second execution
10 results being currently invisible, and to morph the back surface to replace the first surface to
11 become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop ~~from the front surface to the~~
12 ~~back surface~~ to make the second execution results visible and make the first execution results
13 invisible; and
14 a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the programming instructions.

1 12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said second one or more
2 applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed
3 to monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

1 13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are further designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop
3 to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an ~~an~~ predetermined
4 event.

1 14. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a 180 degree rotation of
3 the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over ~~an axis selected a group consisting~~
4 ~~of~~ either a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or ~~and~~ a horizontal axis.

1 15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a plurality of 180 degree
3 rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop
4 over ~~a selected one of~~ a plurality of corresponding vertical axes and or a plurality of
5 corresponding horizontal axes.

1 16. (Cancelled, without prejudice)

1 17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming
2 instructions are designed to effectuate

3 said rendering of first execution results of the first one or more applications on a front
4 surface of a metaphoric desktop by storing pictorial representations of said first execution
5 results into a standard display screen buffer by a graphics service, and

6 said rendering of second execution results of the second one or more applications in a
7 back surface of the metaphoric desktop by redirecting said graphics service to store pictorial
8 representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an
9 alternate display screen buffer, and storing pictorial representations of said second execution
10 results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer.

1 18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein

2 said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and

3 said programming instructions are designed to initially perform said redirecting of
4 said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first execution results of said
5 first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer, and subsequent storing of
6 pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one or more
7 applications into said standard display screen buffer, in response to said apparatus being
8 connected on-line.

1 19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the programming

2 instructions are further designed to resume said storing of pictorial representations of said
3 first execution results of said first one or more applications to said standard display screen
4 buffer by said graphics service.

1 20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said programming

2 instructions are designed to perform said resumption in response to a user request to return to
3 said front surface of said metaphoric desktop.

1 21. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface comprising:
2 a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface, the first and second
3 surfaces being opposite surfaces with only one of the first and second surfaces currently
4 visible at a time;

5 the front surface being used to display first execution results of a first one or more
6 applications when the front surface is a currently visible surface, resulting in the first
7 execution results being currently visible; and

8 the back surface being used to display second execution results of a second one or
9 more applications, invisible while the first surface is the currently visible surface, and
10 becoming visible, when the metaphoric desktop morphed the back surface to replace the first
11 surface as the currently visible surface ~~from the front surface to the back surface, with the~~
12 ~~back surface becoming the current visible surface,~~ the first execution results becoming
13 invisible after the second surface replaced the first surface as the currently visible surface.

1 22. (Currently Amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein the
2 metaphoric desktop morphs from the front surface to the back surface in response to an
3 ~~predetermined~~ event.

1 23. (Currently amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said morphing
2 comprises a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over
3 ~~a selected one of~~ either a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or ~~and~~ a horizontal axis.

1 24. (Currently amended) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said morphing
2 comprises a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back
3 surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over ~~a selected one of~~ a plurality of corresponding vertical
4 axes and or a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

1 25. (New) A system comprising
2 a communication interface;
3 storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions
4 designed to render first execution results of first one or more applications on a front surface
5 of a metaphoric desktop having the front surface and a back surface, the front surface being a
6 currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results
7 being currently visible, render second execution results of a second one or more applications
8 on the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being an opposite surface of
9 the first surface, currently invisible while the first surface is currently visible, resulting in the
10 second execution results being currently invisible, and morph the back surface to replace the
11 first surface to become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make the
12 second execution results visible and make the first execution results invisible; and
13 a processor coupled to the communication interface and storage medium to execute
14 the programming instructions.

1 26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said second one or more applications are on-
2 line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed to monitor for the
3 apparatus being connected on-line.

1 27. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said programming instructions are further
2 designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of
3 the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.

1 28. (New) A computer readable medium comprising
2 a storage medium; and
3 a plurality of programming instructions stored in the storage medium, and designed to
4 enable an apparatus to render on a display, a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a

5 back surface opposite to the front surface, to render first execution results of first one or more
6 applications on the front surface of a metaphoric desktop, the front surface being a currently
7 visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results being
8 currently visible, to render second execution results of a second one or more applications on
9 the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being currently invisible while
10 the first surface is currently visible, resulting in the second execution results being currently
11 invisible, and to morph the back surface to replace the first surface to become the currently
12 visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make the second execution results visible and
13 make the first execution results invisible.

1 29. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said second one or more
2 applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed
3 to enable the apparatus monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

1 30. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said programming
2 instructions are further designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop
3 to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.